

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of accessing functions in a mobile communication device comprising:

dynamically updating an event list responsive to designated events by adding events to said event list when a new event occurs and automatically deleting events from said event list when a user responds to an event;

displaying said event list to a user on a display;

associating a menu item in a hierarchical menu with each event in said event list; and

invoking the associated menu item in said hierarchical menu responsive to selection of an event from said event list by said user.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said event list is displayed responsive to entry of a shortcut command by said user.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising sorting said event list before said event list is displayed.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said event list is sorted in time order.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said event list is sorted based on priorities assigned to said events on said event list.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein said priorities are assigned to said events on said event list by a user.

9. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said event list is sorted based on usage statistics associated with said events on said event list.

10. (Currently Amended) A mobile communication device comprising:

a display for displaying menu items in a hierarchical menu for selection by a user;

a memory for storing an event list;

a processor to:

dynamically update said event list responsive to designated events by adding events to

said event list when a new designated event occurs and automatically deleting

events from said event list when a user responds to an event;

display said event list on a display for viewing by a user;

associate a menu item in a hierarchical menu with each event in said event list; and

invoke the associated menu item in said hierarchical menu responsive to selection by

said user of an event from said event list.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Original) The mobile communication device of claim 10 wherein the processor displays said event list responsive to entry of a shortcut command by said user.

14. (Original) The mobile communication device of claim 10 wherein said processor sorts said event list before said event list is displayed.

15. (Original) The mobile communication device of claim 14 wherein said processor sorts said event list in time order.

16. (Original) The mobile communication device of claim 14 wherein said processor sorts said event list based on priorities assigned to said events on said event list.

17. (Original) The mobile communication device of claim 16 wherein said priorities are assigned to said events on said event list by a user.

18. (Original) The mobile communication device of claim 10 wherein said processor sorts said event list based on usage statistics associated with said events on said event list.

19. (Original) A circuit for controlling a user interface including a display, said circuit comprising a processor programmed to:

generate and dynamically update an event list responsive to designated events by adding events to said event list when a new designated event occurs and deleting events from said event list when a user responds to an event;

display said event list on said display for viewing by a user;

associate a menu item in a hierarchical menu with each event in said event list; and

invoke the associated menu item in said hierarchical menu responsive to selection by said user of an event from said event list.

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Cancelled).

22. (Original) The circuit of claim 19 wherein the processor displays said event list responsive to entry of a shortcut command by said user.

23. (Original) The circuit of claim 19 wherein said processor sorts said event list before said event list is displayed.

24. (Original) The circuit of claim 23 wherein said processor sorts said event list in time order.

25. (Original) The circuit of claim 23 wherein said processor sorts said event list based on priorities assigned to said events on said event list.

26. (Original) The circuit of claim 25 wherein said priorities are assigned to said events on said event list by a user.

27. (Original) The circuit of claim 19 wherein said processor sorts said event list based on usage statistics associated with said events on said event list.

28. (Currently Amended) A computer program stored in a computer readable medium for controlling a user interface in a mobile communication device, said program including instructions to cause said mobile communication device to:

~~generate and dynamically update an~~ add events to a dynamically updated event list responsive to designated events;

automatically delete events from said event list when the user responds to an event on said event list;

display said event list on a display for viewing by a user;

associate a menu item in a hierarchical menu with each event in said event list; and

invoke the associated menu item in said hierarchical menu responsive to selection by said user of an event from said event list.

29. (New) A method of accessing functions in a mobile communication device comprising:

adding shortcut pointers to a dynamically updated shortcut menu responsive to missed events, the shortcut pointer being associated with one or more missed events of the same event type in an inbox;

automatically deleting a shortcut pointer from the shortcut menu after the last missed event associated with the shortcut pointer has been deleted from the inbox.

30. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein adding shortcut pointers comprises adding the shortcut pointers if the shortcut menu does not already contain another shortcut pointer associated with a missed event of the same type.

31. (New) The method of claim 30 wherein adding shortcut pointers further comprises adding the shortcut pointers if the missed event is not an excluded event.

32. (New) The method of claim 29 further comprising:

associating the shortcut pointer with a hierarchical menu item that invokes the inbox; and
invoking the menu item responsive to selection of the shortcut pointer by the user;

33. (New) The method of claim 32 further comprising:

adding the missed events of the same event type to the inbox; and
automatically deleting a missed event from the inbox responsive to the selection of the
associated shortcut pointer by the user.

34. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein the inbox comprises a missed calls inbox on a
wireless communications device.